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Claim 28. (New) The method of claim 22 wherein said causing of said pin on said tool to engage said orientation slot causes said tool to be retained in an orientated position.--

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the specification for having a non-descriptive title. Applicant has amended the title to read as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature specified in the claims. Applicant has cancelled Claim 24 making reference to the collet and collet grooves thereby rendering the objection moot.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by Baugh et al. U.S. 5,335,737. Applicant points out however that the pending claims are Claims 11-24 pursuant to the Preliminary Amendment filed July 30, 2002. Therefore, the rejection is moot. Applicant attaches a copy of a postcard date stamped by the Office as of August 7, 2002 to prove receipt of the preliminarily amended claims. A copy of the amendment is included herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted Amendment, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

In the event that there are any fees due with respect to this Response, Applicant's attorney respectfully requests that such fees be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 02-0429 maintained by Applicants' assignee.

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For: MULTILATERAL REFERENCE POINT)

Version with markings to show changes made.

A marked up version of the original title is as follows:

MULTILATERAL REFERENCE POINT SLEEVE AND METHOD OF ORIENTING A TOOL